

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR A
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

CONTRACT NO: CW35434

CAPTION: Next Generation Assessment Reporting & Forensic Tool/Psychometric
Technical Assistance

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Tembo, Inc.

PROGRAM AGENCY: Office of the State Superintendent of Education

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Government of the District of Columbia, Office of Contracting and Procurement on behalf of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) seeks to engage in services of Tembo, Inc. to maintain and support its Next Generation Assessment and Reporting Forensic Tool. Specifically, Tembo shall provide hosting and maintenance of the Parent portal for web-based reporting suite and provide key growth data, data analysis & assessment support, and psychometric technical assistance to District of Columbia educators and parents related to Next Generation Assessments.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimate fair and reasonable price is \$711,850.00. The period of performance will be October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

- A. This initiative will fulfill requirements under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended (ESEA), as well as the long-term goals of the Statewide Longitudinal Educational Data (SLED) System by supporting teachers, parents, and principals in accessing confidential data through the secured SLED portal. The goal of OSSE in this effort is to enhance the existing Next Generation Assessment and Reporting Forensic Analysis Tool to support the data created by the newly implemented assessments for SY16-17 including the PARCC assessment, NCSC assessment, NGSS assessment, and statewide SAT. This will result in a comprehensive reporting system for confidential data produced by the assessment for the District of Columbia. As a key aspect of the data reported is psychometric in nature, psychometric analysis, assessment analysis, and annual calculation of the student growth measure based on source data will be required to populate this system with full information.

- B. In 2009, DCPS began work on a Forensic Reporting System to support teachers in using standardized test results to support student academic achievement. In 2012, OSSE contracted with Tembo, Inc. to expand the scope of an Excel-based system to Chartered schools and added additional breakdowns associated with the move to the common core state standards. In 2014 OSSE contracted with Tembo, Inc. to transition the Forensic Reporting System Tools from Excel to a web-based secure system for principals and teachers to utilize. In the course of the past 5 years, DC educators have spent substantial time and energy working with OSSE & DCPS, to develop a system that provides high quality actionable information on D.C. assessments. Tembo, Inc. shall provide hosting and maintenance of the parent portal for the web-based reporting suite and will provide key growth data, data analysis & assessment support, and psychometric technical assistance to District of Columbia educators and parents related to Next Generation Assessments.
- C. The Forensic and Standards Reporting Tools System created by Tembo, Inc. is proprietary in nature and whose intellectual property is protected are the only source of maintenance and support of the existing software and technology. Thus, a market survey was not conducted.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Hanseul Kang
State Superintendent, OSSE

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approves the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Alvin N. Stith
Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

George A. Schutter
Chief Procurement Officer